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PATENT
Docket No. GC527C2

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In re Application of)

D. A. Estell et al.)

Serial No.: 09/677,822)

Filed: October 2, 2000)

For: Proteins Producing an Altered)
Immunogenic Response and)
Methods of Making and)
Using the Same)

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Saunders, D.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JUNE 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the present submission. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 4, while the Conclusion is on page 10.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1086, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).